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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q65917

Nobuo MATSUI, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/933,832

Group Art Unit: 1733

Confirmation No.: 7288

Examiner: GOFF II, John L

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For: METHOD FOR BONDING NON-MAGNETIC MEMBERS

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Please review and enter the following remarks summarizing the telephonic interview conducted on August 18, 2004:

REMARKS

An Examiner's Interview Summary Record (PTO-413) was attached with the office communication dated September 10, 2004.

During the interview, the following was discussed:

1. Brief description of exhibits or demonstration: NONE
2. Identification of claims discussed: Claims 1, 19 and 24.
3. Identification of art discussed: The art was not discussed in detail.
4. Identification of principal proposed amendments: Possible combination of claims

19 and 24.

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5. Brief Identification of principal arguments: It was argued that the “on one side” limitation distinguished the prior art.

6. Indication of other pertinent matters discussed: Whether the pressure limitation in claims assisted in distinguishing the prior art.

7. Results of Interview: The Examiner did not find the pressure limits in the claims to be persuasive on the issue of patentability. However, on the “one side” issue, the Examiner indicated that he would not maintain the same rejection and if no relevant prior art could be located, this application would be in condition for allowance. However, the Examiner did indicate that he would have to further search the prior art.

It is respectfully submitted that the instant STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§1.2 and 1.133 and MPEP §713.04.

It is believed that no petition or fee is required. However, if the USPTO deems otherwise, Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee, except for the Issue Fee, for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

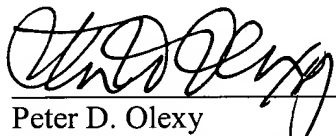
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